

HOUSE No. 2684

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition of James E. Vallee and others
relative to the registration of podiatrists. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

James E. Vallee
Paul J. Donato

Edward G. Connolly
Brian Paul Golden

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF PODIATRISTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:—

4 Section 13. Podiatry as used in this chapter shall mean the diag-
5 nosis and treatment of the structures of the human foot and ankle
6 by medical, mechanical, surgical, manipulative and electrical
7 means, and expecting treatment of systematic conditions. Ankle
8 surgery shall require appropriate certification or documented
9 advanced training, as determined sufficient by the Board of Regis-
10 tration in Podiatry. This section and sections fourteen to twenty-
11 two, inclusive, shall not apply to surgeons of the United States
12 army, navy or the United States Public Health Service, nor to
13 physicians registered in the commonwealth. The term physician
14 and surgeon when used in sections twelve B, twelve G, twenty-
15 three N and eighty B shall include a podiatrist acting within the
16 limitation imposed by this section.